

The elimination of Element 1 is ill-advised. Anything worth doing requires effort. Elimination of element 1 degrades the Amateur Radio Service to the status of the Citizen's Band. Removing the Element 1 qualification not only disregards the efforts made by so many who worked so hard to pass, but also will discourage the best and brightest from joining an elite group and contributing to future technological advances. It is the equivalent of taking a person who can't read and turning him loose in a library. The U.S. should lead, not follow the bad decisions of other countries.